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FOREIGN TRADE IS ON DECLINE

EXPORTS FALL OFF MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN LAST YEAR

EXPORTATION BETTER IN 1919

Gold Imports Made a Big Increase in the Last Fiscal Year While Silver Imports Fell off Nearly Half Last Year

Washington.—America's foreign trade fell off more than \$3,000,000,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30 a summary of trade issued by the department of commerce shows. The slump was about evenly divided between exports and imports.

Exports for the fiscal year aggregated \$6,519,000,000, as compared with \$8,108,000,000 the year before, while imports amounted to \$3,666,000,000, as against \$5,238,000,000 the previous year. The trade balance in favor of the United States for the year was \$2,852,000,000.

June Exports Increase

Exports in June totaled \$340,000,000, as against \$329,000,000 in May and \$629,000,000 in June, 1920, while imports were \$198,000,000, compared with \$24,000,000 in May, and \$552,000,000 in June, 1920.

Imports during the past fiscal year were greater than any year since 1917 with the exception of 1920.

For the month of June gold imports aggregated \$44,000,000 compared with \$25,000,000 in June a year ago.

Gold imports for the fiscal year aggregated \$646,000,000, compared with \$150,000,000 in the previous year, while exports totaled \$133,000,000 as against \$466,000,000.

Silver exports for the fiscal year aggregated \$52,000,000 compared with \$179,000,000 in the previous year while imports amounted to \$59,000,000 as against \$102,000,000 during the fiscal year of 1920.

During June silver exports aggregated \$1,000,000 compared with \$4,000,000 in June, 1920 while imports totaled \$3,000,000 as against \$6,000,000.

MAJ. JOHN G. EMERY



Indianapolis.—John G. Emery, national commander of the American Legion, announced that he will head the delegation of 250 Legionnaires who are to visit France this summer.

BREWERS ARE RESTRAINED

Unique Order Is First Of Its Kind in the United States

New Orleans, La.—A legal order, said to be the first of its kind in the United States, was signed by Federal Judge Foster, restraining the six New Orleans breweries charged with violating the Volstead act from violating the act in the future.

Should the breweries manufacture beer of more than one-half of 1 per cent alcoholic content they will be null and at the same time of contempt.

JOHN T. ADAMS



John T. Adams of Iowa, who was unanimously elected chairman of the Republican national committee to succeed Will Hays, resigned. Mr. Adams has been vice chairman of the committee.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER

OPPOSES OIL SCHEDULE IN TARIFF ACT

Says to Levy a Protective Tariff at Present Is to Destroy All Future Interests

Washington.—Following is the letter sent by President Harding to Chairman Fordney protesting against the levy of a tariff on petroleum:

"I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that your committee will take note of the foreign policy to which we are already committed under which the government is doing every consistent thing to encourage the participation of American in the development of oil resources in many foreign lands.

"This course has been inspired by the growing concern of our country over the supply of crude oil to which we may turn for our future needs not alone for our domestic commerce but in meeting the needs of our navy and our merchant marine.

"To levy a protective tariff on crude petroleum now would be at variance with all that has been done to safeguard our future interests.

"I can readily recognize the claims of some of the oil producers for a protective tariff on their products but such a course of temporary relief would be so thoroughly out of harmony with the large policy which I have in mind that I should be more than disappointed if congress decides to levy a tariff on import oil. The oil industry is so important to our country and our future is so utterly dependent upon an abundance of petroleum that I think it is vastly more important that we develop an abundance of resources rather than temporary profit to a few producers

WAR BONUS IS OFFERED

Prize To Be Awarded in Case Of War With Japan

Patterson, N. J.—The first American crew to capture or sink a Japanese warship in event of war between the United States and Japan would receive a prize of 5,000 German marks by the will of Charles O. H. Fritzsche, former Patterson engineer, made public recently. It was received here from Dresden, Germany, where Mr. Fritzsche died January 1.

The will, made April 19, 1910, creates a 5,000 marks trust fund, the income of which is to go to buy firewood for the poor of Patterson, unless this country gets into war with Japan. The principal is to go for the prize.

Edward R. Weiss, legal adviser of Mr. Fritzsche, said that the engineer had been an American citizen for many years, and that during the war his property had been seized by the alien property custodian.

Vandals Blow up Vats

Fort Worth, Texas.—Olin Graves, chief inspector of the Texas livestock sanitary commission appealed to Governor Neff to send rangers to Gregg county to prevent the wrecking of dipping vats and other interference with cattle tick eradication.

PACKING WAGE CUT REFUSED

TO JUGGLE HOURS TO STAY IN 48 HOUR WEEK BASIS IS THE PLAN

ALL OVERTIME MUST BE PAID

A Reduction of Five Cents Per Hour Is Refused the Petitioning Packing Companies Until After September First

Chicago.—Employees of middle western and western packing houses parties to the arbitration agreement with the government will continue to receive their present wage rate for the present and probably until next September when the agreement expires.

In a decision handed down by Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler, arbitrator under the department of labor the petition of the packing house companies for a 5 cents an hour cut in wages was refused. The number of men affected by the order is estimated to exceed 100,000 in the packing plants of Chicago, Sioux City, Omaha, Fort Worth, Milwaukee and Oklahoma City alone.

Confirms Handler's Cut

In a second decision, Judge Alschuler confirmed the action of the Chicago stockyards in cutting wages of its stock handlers 8 cents an hour. He pointed out that the stock handlers are paid on a monthly basis, and as a rule receive more than common labor in the packing plants, where hours are irregular.

In the packing house decision, the arbitrator declared the recession in the cost of living is not as great as the packers contended and in some instances there has been no decline. At the same time taxes are constantly mousing, street car fares remain 60 percent above pre-war prices, while gas, electricity and fuel continue at high rates, the judge said, adding:

Rents Not Declining

"Among other costs which have not started to decline he named rents, telephone and telegraph service, freight and passenger rates, while such essential foods as milk, bread, and bakery products, fruits and meats show only slight decreases.

In an analysis of present packing plant wages, Judge Alschuler says 11 percent of the employees of Swift and company receive less than 45 cents an hour; 30.7 percent get 45 cents; 27.3 percent from 45 to 47 cents; 12 percent from 47 to 50 cents, making 81 percent of all employees who are paid 50 cents an hour or less. Of the remaining 10 percent, he added, two-thirds receive less than 60 cents an hour and the number being paid 70 cents or more is negligible.

This analysis the statement adds, is typical of all plants affected, with the exception of that common labor at Fort Worth and Oklahoma City is 3 cents an hour lower than in other districts.

FLOOD SWEEPS NEBRASKA

One Woman Is Swept From Bed By Water; Stock Losses are Heavy

Alliance, Neb.—Several persons are reported to have perished, one is known to have been killed, thousands of head of livestock have been lost, score of ranch homes and other buildings in and near Andrews, a village seventeen miles west of Crawford, have been destroyed and fields have been devastated by the cloudburst which deluged the White River canyon country.

Mrs. John Burrett, living on a farm near Andrews, was swept from her bed while asleep and drowned.

Five bridges were washed out on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad between Crawford and Andrews, reports said.

Trains are being held at Crawford. Several farm houses and outbuildings were swept into the torrent. A number of these passed Crawford. Telephone and telegraph wires are down along the Northwestern railroad.

Efforts were being made by citizens to take relief into the flooded district.

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